AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.   (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

rendering on a display of an apparatus, a metaphoric desktop having a front surface and a back surface, said front surface and said back surface being opposite facing surfaces of the same plane;

rendering first execution results of first one or more applications on the front surface of the metaphoric desktop, the front surface being a currently visible surface of the metaphoric desktop resulting in the first execution results being currently visible;

rendering second execution results of second one or more applications on the back surface of the metaphoric desktop, the back surface being currently invisible while the front surface is the currently visible surface, resulting in the second execution results being currently invisible; and

morphing the back surface to replace the front surface to become the currently visible surface of the metaphoric desktop to make visible the second execution results, and make invisible the first execution results.

2.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said second one or more applications are on-line applications, and the method further comprises monitoring for the apparatus being connected on-line.

3.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said morphing comprises morphing from said front surface of the metaphoric desktop to the back surface of the metaphoric desktop in response to detection of an event.

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4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said morphing comprises animating a 180 degree rotation of the front and back surfaces of the metaphoric desktop over either a diagonal axis, a vertical axis, or a horizontal axis.

5.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said morphing comprises animating a plurality of 180 degree rotations of a plurality of portions of the front and back surfaces of metaphoric desktop over a plurality of corresponding vertical axes or a plurality of corresponding horizontal axes.

6.   (Cancelled, without prejudice).

7.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein

said rendering of first execution results of the first one or more applications in a front surface of a metaphoric desktop comprises storing pictorial representations of said first execution results of the first one or more applications into a standard display screen buffer by a graphics service; and

said rendering of second execution results of the second one or more applications in a back surface of the metaphoric desktop comprises redirecting said graphics service to store pictorial representations of said first execution results of said first one or more applications to an alternate display screen buffer, and storing pictorial representations of said second execution results of said second one or more applications into said standard display screen buffer.

8.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein

said second one or more applications are on-line applications; and

said redirecting of said graphics service to store pictorial representations of said first execution results of said first one or more applications to an alternate display screen buffer,

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and subsequent storing of pictorial representations of said second execution results of said second one or more applications into said standard display screen buffer, are initially performed in response to said apparatus being connected on-line.

9.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the method further comprises resuming said storing of pictorial representations of said first execution results of said first one or more applications to said standard display screen buffer by said graphics service.

10.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein said resumption is performed in response to a user request to return to said front surface of said metaphoric desktop.

11.   (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

storage medium having stored therein a plurality of programming instructions designed to render a metaphoric desktop having a front surface and a back surface, said front surface and said back surface being opposite facing surfaces of the same plane, to render first execution results of first one or more applications on the front surface of the metaphoric desktop, the front surface being a currently visible surface of the metaphoric desktop resulting in the first execution results being currently visible, to render second execution results of a second one or more applications on the back surface of the metaphoric desktop, the back surface being currently invisible while the front surface is currently visible, resulting in the second execution results being currently invisible, and to morph the back surface to replace the front surface to become the currently visible surface of the metaphoric desktop to make the second execution results visible and make the first execution results invisible; and

a processor coupled to the storage medium to execute the programming instructions.

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12.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said second one or more applications are on-line applications, and the programming instructions are further designed to monitor for the apparatus being connected on-line.

13.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said programming instructions are further designed to morph from said front surface of the metaphoric desktop to the back surface of the metaphoric desktop in response to detection of an event.

14.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said programming instructions are designed to effectuate said morphing by animating a 180 degree rotation of the front and back surfaces of the metaphoric desktop over either a diagonal axis, a vertical axis, or a horizontal axis.

15.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said programming instructions are designed to effectuate said morphing by animating a plurality of 180 degree rotations of a plurality of portions of the front and back surfaces of the metaphoric desktop over a plurality of corresponding vertical axes or a plurality of corresponding horizontal axes.

16.   (Cancelled, without prejudice).

17.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said programming instructions are designed to effectuate
        said rendering of first execution results of the first one or more applications on a front surface of a metaphoric desktop by storing pictorial representations of said first execution results into a standard display screen buffer by a graphics service, and
        said rendering of second execution results of the second one or more applications in a back surface of the metaphoric desktop by redirecting said graphics service to store pictorial

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representations of said first execution results of said first one or more applications to an alternate display screen buffer, and storing pictorial representations of said second execution results of said second one or more applications into said standard display screen buffer.

18.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein

said second one or more applications are on-line applications; and

said programming instructions are designed to initially perform said redirecting of said graphics service to store pictorial representations of said first execution results of said first one or more applications to an alternate display screen buffer, and subsequent storing of pictorial representations of said second execution results of said second one or more applications into said standard display screen buffer, in response to said apparatus being connected on-line.

19.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the programming instructions are further designed to resume said storing of pictorial representations of said first execution results of said first one or more applications to said standard display screen buffer by said graphics service.

20.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said programming instructions are designed to perform said resumption in response to a user request to return to said front surface of said metaphoric desktop.

21.   (Previously Presented) A graphical user interface comprising:

a metaphoric desktop having a front surface and a back surface, said front surface and said back surface being opposite facing surfaces of the same plane with only one of said front surface and said back surface being currently visible at a time;

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the front surface being used to display first execution results of a first one or more applications when the front surface is a currently visible surface, resulting in the first execution results being currently visible; and

the back surface being used to display second execution results of a second one or more applications, invisible while the front surface is the currently visible surface, and becoming visible when the metaphoric desktop morphs the back surface to replace the front surface as the currently visible surface, the first execution results becoming invisible after the back surface replaces the front surface as the currently visible surface.

22. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 21, wherein the metaphoric desktop morphs from the front surface to the back surface in response to an event.

23. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 21, wherein said morphing comprises a 180 degree rotation of the front and back surfaces of the metaphoric desktop over either a diagonal axis, a vertical axis, or a horizontal axis.

24. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 21, wherein said morphing comprises a plurality of 180 degree rotations of a plurality of portions of the front and back surfaces of the metaphoric desktop over a plurality of corresponding vertical axes or a plurality of corresponding horizontal axes.

25. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:
a communication interface;
storage medium having stored therein a plurality of programming instructions designed to render first execution results of first one or more applications on a front surface of a metaphoric desktop having the front surface and a back surface, said front surface and said back surface being opposite facing surfaces of the same plane, the front surface being a

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currently visible surface of the metaphoric desktop resulting in the first execution results being currently visible, render second execution results of a second one or more applications on the back surface of the metaphoric desktop, currently invisible while the front surface is currently visible, resulting in the second execution results being currently invisible, and morph the back surface to replace the front surface to become the currently visible surface of the metaphoric desktop to make the second execution results visible and make the first execution results invisible; and

a processor coupled to the communication interface and storage medium to execute the programming instructions.

26.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25, wherein said second one or more applications are on-line applications, and the programming instructions are further designed to monitor for the apparatus being connected on-line.

27.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25, wherein said programming instructions are further designed to morph from said front surface of the metaphoric desktop to the back surface of the metaphoric desktop in response to detection of an event.

28.   (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium comprising:
       a storage medium; and
       a plurality of programming instructions stored in the storage medium, and designed to enable an apparatus to render on a display, a metaphoric desktop having a front surface and a back surface, said front surface and said back surface being opposite facing surfaces of the same plane, to render first execution results of first one or more applications on the front surface of a metaphoric desktop, the front surface being a currently visible surface of the metaphoric desktop resulting in the first execution results being currently visible, to render second execution results of a second one or more applications on the back surface of the

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metaphoric desktop, the back surface being currently invisible while the front surface is currently visible, resulting in the second execution results being currently invisible, and to morph the back surface to replace the front surface to become the currently visible surface of the metaphoric desktop to make the second execution results visible and make the first execution results invisible.

29.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 28, wherein said second one or more applications are on-line applications, and the programming instructions are further designed to enable the apparatus monitor for the apparatus being connected on-line.

30.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 28, wherein said programming instructions are further designed to morph from said front surface of the metaphoric desktop to the back surface of the metaphoric desktop in response to detection of an event.

31.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said morphing comprises animating a plurality of 180 degree rotations of a plurality of portions of the front and back surfaces of the metaphoric desktop over a plurality of corresponding vertical axes and a plurality of corresponding horizontal axes.

32.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said programming instructions are designed to effectuate said morphing by animating a plurality of 180 degree rotations of a plurality of portions of the front and back surfaces of the metaphoric desktop over a plurality of corresponding vertical axes and a plurality of corresponding horizontal axes.

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33.   (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 21, wherein said
morphing comprises a plurality of 180 degree rotations of a plurality of portions of the front
and back surfaces of the metaphoric desktop over a plurality of corresponding vertical axes
and a plurality of corresponding horizontal axes.